



MINUTES OF THE ARKANSAS BOARD OF PAROLE MEETING AUGUST 27, 2009

**105 W. Capitol – Suite 500
ABP Board Room, Little Rock, Arkansas
Little Rock, Arkansas**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Abraham Carpenter, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Richard L. Mays, Jr., Secretary/Commissioner
John Felts, Commissioner
Carolyn Robinson, Commissioner
John Belken, Commissioner
Joseph Peacock., Commissioner

HEARING EXAMINERS:

Carol V. Bohannon, Attorney
Ernest Sanders, Jr., Attorney
James L. Williams, II, Attorney

EXCUSED WITH VALID REASON(S): Leroy Brownlee, Chairman

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Sharon Lewis, Assistant to the Director

OTHER REPRESENTATIVES

Larry Norris, Director, Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC)
William "Dubs" Byers, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools, AR Correctional Schools
Dan Roberts, Deputy Director, Probation/Parole, Department of Community Correction (DCC)
Steve Arnold, Assistant Director, Department of Community Correction
Jeff Tillman, Assistant Director, Department of Community Correction
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, DCC
Don Barnes, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's (AG's) Office
Solomon Graves, User Support Analyst/ACA Coordinator, ABP
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor – Parole Services, ABP
Lois Hansberry, Administrative Support Supervisor - Revocation, ABP
Michelle Kordsmeier, Administrative Specialist III, ABP

Called to Order

Vice-Chairman Carpenter presided over the ABP meeting in the absence of the Chairman. At 9:30 a.m., Carpenter called the meeting to order and declared a quorum.

Approval of August 13, 2009 Minutes

Felts moved.

Peacock seconded. Motion carried.

Population Reports

The Board reviewed the statistical data of the reports submitted from: ADC, DCC and ABP.

Attorney General's Office

Mr. Barnes gave an update on the pending lawsuit filed by inmate Danny Brown – ADC #88140. Ms. Heather Tidwell, Assistant Attorney General is handling the case.

Legislative Updates

Mr. Barnes updated the board on the new Acts passed in the 87th Legislative Session that will impact ABP.

A Question & Answer Session was held regarding the policy on record retention. The board was directed to the legislative website for additional information.

Hearing Examiners' Reports

The Hearing Examiners presented their reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Training & ABP Updates: Training records for ABP will now be maintained online by DCC Training Department.

Mr. Graves reported that Dr. Dubs Byers will be presenting a workshop, entitled "ACS Leadership Development" for ABP on Friday, August 28th.

Mr. Graves informed the Board and all appropriate staff to turn in their old cell phones and accessories so the Verizon representative can transfer the data to the new phones purchased.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Michelle Kordsmeier was introduced as the new Administrative Specialist III for the ABP Revocation Section.

Carpenter acknowledged and welcomed the guest present.

SCHEDULE – *SEPTEMBER 2009.* The hearing schedule was reviewed and the Board was requested to notify the Chairman and/or Tamara Salaam of any changes needed.

FILES FOR DISCUSSION - REVIEW

The Board reviewed the listing of victim input hearings that were conducted in August.

RATIFICATION OF VOTES

Mays moved. Felts seconded the motion to ratify the units. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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**ABRAHAM CARPENTER, JR.
VICE-CHAIRMAN**

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**RICHARD L. MAYS, JR.
SECRETARY**

**ARKANSAS BOARD OF PAROLE
FULL BOARD RATIFICATION VOTES BY UNITS**

AUGUST 2009

<u>UNITS:</u>	<u>RATIFIED (X)</u>
BENTON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CAC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CUMMINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DIAGNOSTIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
EAST	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MISSISSIPPI CO.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NEAC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OUACHITA REGIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PINE BLUFF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
RANDALL L. WILLIAMS CORR.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SEAR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SWAR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TRCC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
VARNER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
WRIGHTSVILLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: RESCINDS & TRANSFER SCREENINGS, ACT 290'S SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS, 700'S, RECONSIDERATION, REVOCATION APPEALS, CLEMENCIES, PARDONS, EMERGENCY POWERS ACT (EPA), ETC.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

MOTION BY: RICHARD MAYS, JR. SECONDED BY: JOHN FELTS

RATIFICATION DATE: AUGUST 27, 2009